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Santa Barbara Energy Ordinance Beats California's Building Codes

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The City of Santa Barbara introduced one of the most stringent energy requirements in California last week to encourage energy efficient building construction in the community. The City Council voted to forward a new Energy Ordinance for new building construction and improvements to the California Energy Commission for approval. If approved, the new ordinance will take effect in early 2008.

The Energy Ordinance will reduce building energy use by up to 20% beyond the California Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. The ordinance takes the first step of the Architecture 2030 Challenge to reduce fossil fuel energy use associated with buildings. The Ordinance was supported by the Santa Barbara Architecture 2030 Coalition with representatives from the local American Institute of Architects (AIA), Community Environmental Council (CEC), building industry, and other environmental organizations.

According to Edward Mazria, founder of the Architecture 2030 Challenge, "the City of Santa Barbara will lead California and the nation in implementing, by code, the 2030 targets."

To learn more information about the City of Santa Barbara's efforts to prevent climate change and become more sustainable, check out the 2007 Annual Sustainable Santa Barbara Report on the City's website at <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/SustainableSB>.